

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF FACTORY STATISTICS, 1937-38.

Preliminary estimates of the principal items relating to the Secondary Industries of the State for the year ended 30th June 1938 are issued herewith. They are subject to revision but may be taken as approximately correct.

Since 1931-32, the year of lowest levels, there has been a steady annual improvement in the Secondary Industries of the State and the year 1937-38 continued to show such substantial progress that, in general, the past year can be considered one of the best on record.

The output selling value at the factory of all work done during the year is estimated at £36,700,000 (£34,528,176), the cost of materials, fuel, light, power, &c. used being £22,500,000 (£22,256,613). The value of production which represents the value added to materials &c. as a result of treatment is estimated at £14,200,000 (£12,271,563). There were 44,500 (40,710) persons including Working Proprietors employed on the average over the whole year and who received £8,500,000 (£7,518,239) in Salaries and Wages.

The totals for the principal items in each year since 1932-33 are as follows :-

Year	No. of Factories	Number of Employees (inc.W.P.) for whole year	Salaries & Wages paid (inc.W.P.)	Cost of materials fuel &c. used	Value of Output	Value of Production (added value)
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£
1932-33	1,710	26,348	4,421,233	13,036,198	20,940,698	7,854,500
1933-34	1,733	29,486	4,907,335	14,277,820	22,919,297	8,641,477
1934-35	1,805	33,497	5,733,865	16,142,059	25,699,172	9,557,113
1935-36	1,895	38,471	6,694,151	20,234,386	31,904,091	11,669,705
1936-37	1,916	40,710	7,518,239	22,256,613	34,528,176	12,271,563
(a) 1937-38	1,984	44,500	8,500,000	22,500,000	36,700,000	14,200,000
Increase 1 year	68	3,790	981,761	243,387	2,171,824	1,928,437
5 years	274	18,152,	4,078,767	9,413,802	15,759,302	6,345,500

(a) Subject to revision.

A brief analysis of 400 returns of establishments, each with an output value of £10,000 and over reveals that 278 showed increased productive activity for 1937-38 over 1936-37, and 122 showed less. Industries recording the largest increases were - Motor body building, Engineering, Agricultural Implements, Ironworks, and Smelting.

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